

THE WEATHER
Tonight and Tuesday
Fair, colder tonight

TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

METAL QUOTATIONS	
SILVER	\$.99 3/4
SILVER, FOREIGN	.65 1/2
COPPER	.14
LEAD	4.70

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WELL KNOWN MINING MAN DANGEROUSLY INJURED

Joseph C. Bennelli Meets Instant Death as Stove Explodes

MAN INSTANTLY KILLED RESULT OF EXPLOSION

Dastardly Act Believed to Be the Work of Blackhand and Officers Investigate.

KITCHEN STOVE EXPLODES

Joseph C. Bennelli Was Widely Known Throughout Southern Nevada Districts.

What the authorities believe to have been the work of the "Black Hand" occurred Sunday morning at 1 o'clock when the stove in the two room house occupied by Joseph C. Bennelli, Italian section hand of the Tonopah & Goldfield Railroad company at Millers, exploded, killing Bennelli almost instantly and wrecking the rear end of the house.

Bennelli received the full impact of the blast and flying iron, being struck in the face and tearing away a portion of the head. He was literally peppered with the flying pieces of iron, while the kitchen of the house was badly wrecked.

Following the accident Sheriff Box and District Attorney Barnes of Esmeralda county were summoned from Goldfield, as was Frank J. Cavanaugh, undertaker of Tonopah. Hasty investigation conducted by Sheriff Box, District Attorney Barnes and Jack Grant, deputy sheriff, convinced the officers that the explosion was the result of either powder or a bomb. Some time was spent yesterday in an effort to find a fuse that may have led to the stove, but the efforts were unsuccessful in their efforts. The investigation is being continued today. Not one piece of the stove could be found, the destruction having been complete.

Joseph C. Bennelli was a pioneer resident of southern Nevada. For many years he resided at both Silver Peak and Blair, where he was engaged in the junk business. Later he went to Manhattan, and two years ago accepted a position on the section at Millers. He was not known to have enemies, but being reticent he probably kept that fact to himself. He had been threatened. He was a quiet and industrious man, attended strictly to his own affairs and had many friends in the various localities where he had resided at different times during the many years of his residence in southern Nevada. He was about 55 years of age, and was born in Italy. He was previously married, but he and his wife separated a number of years ago, and her whereabouts is at present unknown.

A coroner's inquest was held at Millers today by Justice of the Peace Edwards of Goldfield, to determine, if possible, the exact cause of the explosion which led to the death of Mr. Bennelli.

The remains of the deceased were brought to Tonopah and are held at the Wagonet & Cavanaugh mortuary.

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Local Observer, United States	Weather Bureau:
Temperatures	5 a.m. Noon
Current	22 26
Wet bulb	22 24
Relative humidity	58 78
Temperatures, Extreme	
1922	1921
Maximum yesterday	42 66
Minimum yesterday	26 45

CAPT. C. S. BRISCOE DIES AT FREIBURG

Captain Charles S. Briscoe, well-known mining man of Lincoln county, Nevada, passed away at the camp of Freiburg, according to word just received. George T. Sexton, justice of the peace of Alpine township, was notified on this morning and held an inquest, the body being laid to rest on February 27 at Freiburg, where the deceased had made his home for many years. Death was due to exposure while out prospecting, double pneumonia intervened and in spite of all the care that could be given him by other residents of the isolated camp, he never rallied and passed away before a doctor could be procured.

Captain Briscoe was well-known in Pioche, where for a number of years he purchased his supplies. Little is known of his early life though he served with distinction in the British army during the Boer war. Great faith was held by Briscoe in the mines of the Freiburg district and he was taken out one up to the very day of contracting his fatal illness. Lincoln county mining circles suffered a severe loss when Captain Briscoe was stricken by death. Pioche Record.

AMERICAN SHOT IN MOSCOW BY RUSSIAN REDS

(By Associated Press) MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—J. R. Murray, of Woburn, Massachusetts, who is connected with the American relief administration, suffered a slight flesh wound when he was fired upon in the street yesterday. He was accompanied by a Mr. Callahan, of Fall River, Massachusetts. Whether the shot was fired by a highwayman or by street patrols who misinterpreted the actions of the Americans has not been determined. Murray and Callahan were homebound from a concert when they saw a sleigh ahead of them halted and the occupants with their hands in the air. Thinking it was a hold-up and that they might be the next victims, the Americans jumped from their sleigh and ran. Several shots were fired, one hitting Murray, who was able to reach a nearby house.

KILLED IN BED BY TEXAS BOY WHILE ASLEEP

(By Associated Press) AMARILLO, Texas, Feb. 27.—Two young women were shot and killed while sleeping in their bed, and a third young woman was fired at but was injured, about 30 miles east of Plainview today, and a young man named Upton tried to kill himself when he was pursued later, officers said.

SHIP SUBSIDY PLAN TO RAISE 30 MILLIONS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The ship subsidy plan which President Harding is expected to recommend to congress in a measure tomorrow will provide for raising a revolving fund of \$30,000,000 yearly through diversion of a percentage of customs receipts, it was understood today from callers at the White House.

B. J. BYRNE LYING AT POINT OF DEATH

B. J. Byrne, successful leader on the Stone Cabin mine of the Jim Butler Mining company, is reported as being dangerously ill at the Mine Operators' hospital and little hope is held out for his recovery. Mr. Byrne had been in the hospital for two weeks previous to last Friday when he was permitted to go to his home. Yesterday he was again taken ill and upon the arrival of his physician it was found he was suffering from pneumonia, and he was again hurried to the hospital.

Mrs. Edith Rankin, a daughter, arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning, having been notified of the illness of her father, and another daughter, Miss Neva Byrne, is expected to arrive tomorrow morning. Mr. Byrne also has a brother, Edward Byrne, who is a carpenter at the Belmont mine.

FAMILY FOUND STARVING IN DENUDED HOUSE

Father Says Lord Ordered Him to Cast Out All Modern Comforts of Life.

(By Associated Press) BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 27.—Robert A. Schlosser, of Pontiac, Illinois, with his wife and three children, who were found starving in a denuded house, were under the care of the city authorities today. Obeying what he declared to be the voice of the Lord, ordering him to cast out all modern comforts, Schlosser had stripped the house bare of furniture, even tearing out stoves, plumbing and electric fixtures. Then the entire family moved a further belief to obtain from food.

SHIP BUILDERS INDICTED BY U. S. GRAND JURY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Indictments against Charles W. Morse, New York ship builder; his three sons, Benjamin, Harry and Ervin, and Colin H. Livingston of Washington, president of the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation, with seven others, were returned today by a federal grand jury which is investigating wartime transactions of Morse & Sons. The name of William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury and law partner of Stuart G. Gibbons, was mentioned in the indictments as having conveyed the statement to officials of the shipping board that the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation, one of the Morse companies, was in excellent financial condition. The indictment in this connection states, however, that the facts were misrepresented to McAdoo.

PULLMAN CAR IS RELEASED BY DAUGHERTY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Attorney General Daugherty has instructed the federal authorities of Boise, Idaho, to release a Pullman car seized there by prohibition enforcement officials. It was said at the department of justice today.

PRINCESS MARY REMEMBERED BY MANY CLASSES

Westminster Abby to Be Scene of One of England's Most Notable Weddings.

EVENT OF GREAT INTEREST

Children of England Present Loving Princess With Many Home-Made Presents.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 27.—Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles spent their last morning before the wedding receiving a number of individuals and deputations whose offerings swelled the vast collection of gifts which is already overflowing the state rooms of Buckingham palace. To each visitor bringing a present the princess expressed her thanks.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 27.—Several hundred men, women and girls of the United Kingdom are proud of having had some small part in the designing and manufacture of various articles. Princess Mary's dressmaker for her wedding tomorrow to Viscount Lascelles.

The trades and crafts they represent range from Irish cotton quilters who helped make the linens to gold miners of South Wales who "penned" the metal from which the wedding ring was made. Many articles of the bride's wedding apparel and traveling attire were prepared as gifts from various guilds and industries. Even the bride's bouquet is to be an evidence of good wishes from admirers—it will be presented by the Guild of London tradesmen's organizations.

Princess Mary's wedding gown, like those of her eight bridesmaids, will be of white silk embroidered with silver tissue. What form of headpiece the bride's maid shall wear has been a subject of much consideration.

Princess Mary will wear the wedding veil worn successfully by Queen Victoria's Queen Alexandra and her mother, queen Mary.

APPLE BELT OF MICHIGAN ONCE AGAIN OPENED

Thousands of Trees Down as a Result of Storm That Raged During Past Week.

TRAVERSE, Mich., Feb. 27.—The Michigan apple belt, icebound since last midweek, was a sorry spectacle today when the cities and towns had broken through the frozen crust and re-established communication. Thousands of trees are down and wire lines are wrecked. The ice still ranged from 20 to 60 inches in thickness. Some of the wildest fowl are seeking shelter and food in barnyards, with wings frozen stiff and clumps of ice weighing their tails.

REMAINS COLORED WOMAN ARE SHIPPED

The remains of Mrs. George Blocker, who met death following an assault made upon her by her husband on Saturday morning, February 18, were shipped this morning to her old home at El Centro, California. The remains had been held here awaiting instructions from the mother of the deceased, who resides at El Centro.

BERTLIN FUNERAL IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Many friends of years' standing were present yesterday afternoon to pay lasting tribute to the memory of Charles Bertlin, who died Friday afternoon at the family home on Valley View avenue. Services were attended in a body by members of the Eagles and Moose lodges of which deceased had been an honored member. The Rev. Frank Manderson of the Presbyterian church officiated at the undertaking parlors, following which the remains were escorted to the local cemetery by the fraternal societies and numerous friends, where interment took place. Numerous floral offerings were in evidence, showing the esteem in which deceased had been held.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Pacific States—Considerable cloudiness and frequent rains; normal temperature.

CAUCUS WAS ANYTHING BUT A LOVE FEAST

Pet Names Exchanged at Meeting of Republican Central Committee Other Night.

The meeting of the Republican county central committee, held in the offices of the Divide Brokerage company Saturday night, in reality proved to be a real old-fashioned Democratic love feast, and it looked for a time as though the usual call for a coroner and undertaker would have to be made.

It was a love feast without the love, and lively times developed with the call of the first man to bat. There was not a quorum present of the central committee, although there was a fairly good gathering of Republicans. The attention of Chairman Mark Bradshaw was called to the fact that there were but seven members of the committee present and that there must be 11 for a quorum and that the meeting could not therefore be called to order, and that neither could proxies be voted.

Chairman Bradshaw ignored these propositions and proceeded to appoint a committee of six committee-men, consisting of Charles E. Southworth of Manhattan; E. A. Michel of Round Mountain; and E. E. Palmer, of Beatty, for the outside precincts; Thomas A. Lindsay, A. H. Korman and himself, for Tonopah precincts, who are supposed to be delegated with the power to appoint and name delegates to be voted upon at the primaries on June 3.

Bad feeling has existed for some time among committee members over the appointment of a revenue officer for southern Nevada, in which the selection was made by Chairman Bradshaw without calling the committee together, he having stated that Revenue Collector Speller of Nevada had delegated him to name the appointee. This he did. Bradshaw had stated on several occasions that he intended to resign as chairman of the Nye County Republican central committee owing to press of business, and it was thought by some that he would tender his resignation Saturday night, which had he done so, could have been acted upon later by securing a quorum which must consist of 11 members of the committee, and they could or would have accepted or rejected his resignation. As the proposition now stands, a majority of the members of the county central committee will not "play ball" with Bradshaw, and unless he retires from his position it will be impossible to bring about harmony in the Republican ranks. "Lie," "damned lie" and "cur," together with a few other pet phrases were exchanged at the meeting. As there was no quorum present, all of the proceedings of the meet-

LIGHTNING HITS HOME OF BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT

(By Associated Press) BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 27.—Just as a heavy rain and hail storm broke here last evening, lightning struck the home of Thomas P. Pyle, igniting the dwelling, which burned to the ground. The family was forced to flee. The storm, was the fiercest of the season, though brief.

HELD FOR MURDER

(By Associated Press) TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Feb. 27.—George Nichols, a prominent citizen, was arrested here today on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Peter Mooney at Roma, Georgia, 48 years ago.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAIMED BY GOVERNOR BOYLE

Governor Emmett D. Boyle has proclaimed Friday, April 14, as Arbor day, in conformity with the law providing for the observance of said day. Recommendation, through a proclamation just issued, for the planting of trees, shrubs and vines, is strongly urged. The schools throughout the state will follow the usual custom of instilling into the minds of the young the necessity for the promotion of forest growth and culture.

HOUSE TO PASS SOLDIER BONUS BILL SHORTLY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Representative Mondell, Republican house leader, and Chairman Fordney, of the house ways and means committee are understood to have discussed the soldier bonus situation with President Harding at the White House. They are said to have formed the president of the rejection by the special committee of the sales tax proposal which had been suggested by President Harding. On leaving the White House both men said the house would pass the bonus bill at this session. Mondell said he could not say whether the measure without means for raising the revenue, could be put through the senate.

Asked as to the ways of financing the adjusted compensation, Mondell referred again to the expected savings on the next fiscal year, but would not give any estimate as to what that amount would be. He indicated the question of the refunded debt as a means of financing the bonus had been brought up at the White House conference, but he declined to say what views the president had expressed.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

The fifty-eighth anniversary of the Knights of Pythias will be celebrated tonight at the local lodge rooms in Odd Fellows hall. This is purely an invitation affair. The order was founded in Washington, D. C., on the 19th day of February, 1864, by Justice H. Rathbone. An interesting program, consisting of singing, dancing and oratory, followed by refreshments, has been arranged. The exercises will start at 8 o'clock sharp.

ing on Saturday night are null and void. The election laws are plain on this point and no one man, or two men can do things without the sanction of a majority of the members of any state or county central committee. There were no ladies present. Had there been, they would have realized what a real old-fashioned Democratic caucus really is. This meeting recalled to those present the meeting of the Democratic state convention which was held in the old Eagles pavilion in Tonopah many years ago when Carl Young, "Jimmy" Sweeney and others started to mix it and a battle royal followed.

HAMILTON REID BADLY INJURED SUNDAY NIGHT

Falls Down Shaft Near Giant Mine Trying to Locate Road Leading to Tonopah.

CONDITION IS VERY SERIOUS

Was at Bottom of Shaft Three Hours Before Being Rescued From Imprisonment.

Hamilton Reid, master mechanic of the Tonopah Extension Mining company, and one of the most widely known men in southern Nevada, is lying at the Mine Operators' hospital suffering from injuries received at 8 o'clock last night when he plunged headlong down an old 35-foot shaft near the Giant mine while on route from Goldfield to Tonopah.

Mr. Reid, who had spent the last six months in Los Angeles for the benefit of his health, arrived in Goldfield on the incoming southern train of the Tonopah & Tidewater, last night. Pete Boko, well-known mining man, and Lewis Graves, who is associated with the Tonopah Extension & Tidewater company, met Mr. Reid in Goldfield, and the journey was started for Tonopah. Mr. Boko was at the wheel, and upon reaching the road leading to the Rosetta mine, he confessed he was not very familiar with the highway. Mr. Reid remarked that he was well acquainted with the road and climbed out with the intention of getting a line on the surroundings.

He started his investigation and wandered off in the snow. After an absence of 10 minutes Mr. Boko and Mr. Lewis became alarmed and started a search for him, but this proved unavailing. They then retraced their steps to the auto and started again, following the footprints of Mr. Reid, which showed plainly in the snow. He was trapped to the old shaft and it was discovered that he had fallen headforemost into the workings.

It then became necessary to drive to the Tonopah Divide mine, where a message was dispatched to John G. Kirchen, general manager of the Tonopah Extension Mining company. The latter called the ambulance of the Mine Operators' hospital, and the car was driven post haste to the scene of the accident by Fire Chief Charles G. Askin. It became necessary to lower a man with the aid of a rope into the shaft, where another rope was fastened to the body of Mr. Reid, who still retained consciousness. Then the rescuer was lifted

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